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This release validates the information in Chapter 25 Memorandums of Understanding and reissues the chapter in plain language.

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Chapter 25 Memorandums of Understanding

205.25.1

1. ***What is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)?***

An MOU is an unfunded written agreement that facilitates the working relationship between two or more parties. Federal entities may enter MOU's with other Federal entities or with domestic public or private organizations or groups, or with a combination of both.

2. ***What is the purpose of this chapter?***

This chapter provides for the delegation of authority to negotiate and execute unfunded MOU=s to the lowest level of practicable and efficient operation within the MMS.

3. ***Who in MMS has the authority to negotiate and execute MOU' s?***

A. Only the Director has the authority to enter into MOU ' s which are not program- specific and other MOU ' s which the Director has so-identified.

B. Associate Directors may negotiate and execute MOU's which are consistent with their respective responsibilities and authorities.

4. ***May the Associate Directors redelegate authority to negotiate and execute program-specific MOU' s?***

Associate Directors may redelegate authority to the Regional Director level but authority cannot be further redelegated. Regional Directors may then negotiate only those MOU ' s which are consistent with their respective responsibilities and authorities.

5. ***Is there any limitation on MOU's?***

Delegated officials may not enter into MOU's with foreign governments, foreign organizations, or foreign groups under this authority.

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